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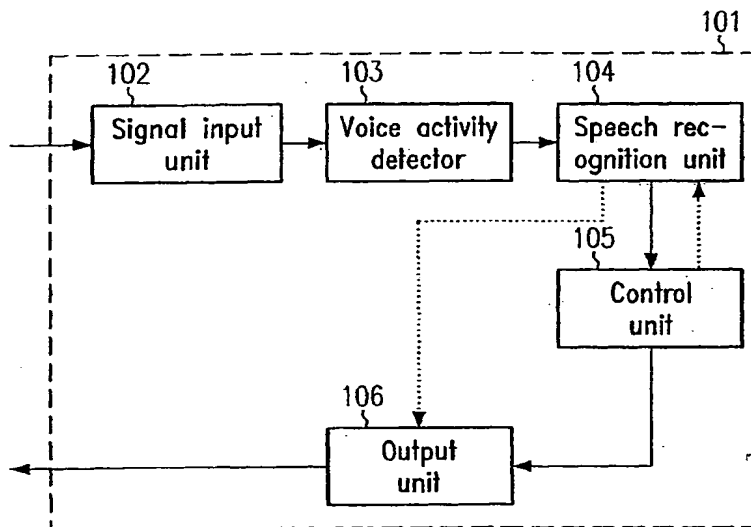
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(54) Title: **METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A SPEECH DIALOG SYSTEM AND SPEECH DIALOG SYSTEM**



(57) Abstract: The invention is directed to a method for controlling a speech dialog system, wherein an acoustic output signal is provided in response to an acoustic input signal, comprising the steps of receiving a further acoustic input signal, processing the further acoustic input signal by a voice activity detector, processing the further acoustic input signal or an output signal corresponding to the further acoustic input signal provided by the voice activity detector by a speech recognition unit to detect speech, if voice activity was detected by the voice activity detector, modifying the acoustic output signal if speech was detected by the speech recognition unit during the output of the output signal.

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